

Washington -- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez announced today that she has secured support for \$6 million in federal funding for California State University Long Beach's Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies, a cutting-edge maritime and transportation research institution.

"This funding is important not only for Cal State Long Beach, but for continued innovation of clean transportation technologies to protect the environment," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez. "I am pleased that I was able to double funding this year to support cutting-edge research at CSULB that will eventually help us to move cargo from our ports without congesting our roads with trucks."

The funds, which were included in the Defense Appropriations bill, will support research on critical maritime transportation issues, including the efficient movement of military and civilian cargo through local ports, as well as the effectiveness of cargo port and supply chain security. The bill is expected to be passed soon by the Senate and be signed into law by the President.

"We are proud to have the support of Congresswoman Sánchez and are thrilled to receive this funding," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "Working with local transportation officials, the University will utilize the funding to enhance logistics, pollution reduction, congestion relief, and goods movement research, which will benefit the military and residents of southern California."

The funding will greatly enhance the university's logistics, pollution reduction, congestion relief, and goods movement research, development, and studies. Additional CSULB efforts include information technologies to improve the flow of commercial and military goods movement, pollution reduction of ship emissions while in port, short sea shipping (maritime highway), cargo systems to move shipping containers off highways, port disruption and recovery models, electronic tracking devices for military and commercial cargo, logistics curriculum development and training for the US Navy (building on the university's successful Global Logistics Degree Programs), and Innovation Cell funding to support innovative new research that can be transitioned to the private sector.

The Department of Defense has a longstanding tradition of funding academic research centers that solve defense-related problems for the United States. "I am pleased that Cal State Long Beach can continue to receive such meaningful investments to upgrade technologies that affect our national interest," said Congresswoman Sánchez.